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Waikiki Surf Club's winning crew in Molokai-Oahu canoe race is greeted by admiring fans.

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Waikiki Surf triumphs

Waikiki Surf Club's "Mal-ia" crossed across the finish line just before 1:30 yesterday afternoon to win the 21st annual Molokai-to-Oahu outrigger canoe race.

The WSC paddlers

coached by J. Napoleon finished the 38-mile grind from Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai to the Duke Kahanamoku Beach in 6 hr. 1 min. 46 sec., far off the record 5:29.00 crossing made by

another Waikiki Surf crew in 1960.

The victory was the 11th for Waikiki Surf Club since the Aloha Week race was inaugurated.

RUNNERUP in the koa division, which drew six canoes, was Hui Nalu in 6:13:14, followed by Healani in 6:17:06, Lanikai in 6:19:45, Outrigger in 6:26:59 and the Kaiopua Canoe Club of Kailua-Kona in 6:43:51.

Lanikai Canoe Club won the non-koa division and was the fifth canoe to finish the race. Lanikai was clocked in 6:24:56 as it registered its third non-koa division victory in eight years. The previous wins came in 1965 and 1969.

The record for non-koa canoes was set in 1968 by Healani—6:03:28.

Order of finish in the non-koa or fibreglass division after Lanikai:

Leeward Kai, 6:27:20; Healani, 6:27:29; Marina Del Rey of California, 6:29:08; Kailua, 6:55:13; Waimanalo, 7:03:08; Kamehameha Canoe Club, 7:10:10; Kauai, 7:18:33; Kaneohe Bay Marine Canoe Club, 7:16:55, and Molokai Canoe Club, 7:48:00.

A mid-channel mishap marred the crossing. Alan Napoleon, a relief paddler for the Kamehameha "Kaleo Ona Kai" canoe, had his leg lacerated by a motor propellor when he jumped into the water from his convey boat.

He was flown to Queen's Medical Center by a Coast Guard helicopter and following surgery returned to the finish line for the awards ceremony.

Waikiki Surf Club received \$500, Hui Nalu \$250 and Healani \$100 in the koa division. Cash awards of \$75 to Lanikai, \$50 to Leeward Kai and \$25 to Healani were awarded in the non-koa division.

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In addition trophies and medals were presented to place winners in both divisions.

Sunny weather held up for the event and about 5,000 people were at the finish line.